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# DUNAVANT KILLING MELD JUSTIFIABLE

# PASSENGER LINES IN NEW JERSEY SUSPEND SERVICE

NEW YORK, April 12.- The Central railroad of New Jersey suspended all passenger service at noon today, when agents were ordered to stop selling tickets. The road covers the state of New Jersey and the suspension order affects approximately 55,000 commuters.

CHICAGO, April 12 .- Developments west of Pittsburgh in the switchmen's unauthorized strike today were regarded by railroad brotherhood officials as pointing toward a gradual dissolution of the insurgent forces, but in the East, where the walkout was joined in several districts by trainmen the situation assumed a more serious aspect. In the Central and Far West numerous reports of defections from the strikers' ranks followed the report of the first important break at

at a mass meeting to return to work: 250 of the 200 strikers at Fort Wayne to return to the yards this morning and the remaining workers, employes of the New York Central, will meet today to

PROPOSED STRIKE IN

MEMPHIS CALLED OFF

Thus ends the danger of a tieup of natural consequence of these decision

REPUBLICANS TO STAGE BIG ROW

Delegations From Three Shelby Ready for Fray and Contests Bobbing Up All Over the State.

The advance guard of the Republican delegates to the state convention which will be held in Chattanooga Wednesday, left Memphis Sunday night prepared to engage in the friendly pastime of trying to have each other thrown out of the convention when the body meets.

There are three local delegations. One

the strikers' ranks followed the report of the first important break at Columbus, O., where 600 switchmen voted to return to work.

At Chicago, admitted keystone of the walkout, railroad officials were presented "terms for settlement of the strike," which included recognition of the new union formed by dissenters, from the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and the Switchmen's union of North America.

In the settlement proffered by John Grunau, president of the Chicago Yardmen's association, who called the strike, at least one radical concession was admitted to the call of the strike, at least one radical concession was additional to the called mean for settlement agreement demanded granting of collars to the railroads, it was said.

Other clauses in the proposed settlement agreement agreement demanded granting of original wage increase called for interest called for the contracts with the government. That possels was decause of the rail tieup.

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Gov. Hooper, beside many lesser con-tests.

In view of all of which it looks as if John C. Houk, chairman of the state campaign committee, must have been joking when in a recent circular, one of several thousand issued, he begged all who might read it to "revive the old spirit of real unselfish Republicanism."

FOR CITY PREDICTED

Memphians woke Monday, shivered when they turned out and wondered why J. H. Scott, meteorologist in the local weather bureau, had a grouch. The official reading at 7 o'clock was 46 degrees, just the temperature in ye olden days that called a wee nip to set a man on his feet. However, the worst part of it is that Mr. Scott predicts still colder weather by Tuesday. The forecast Monday said fair and colder, 40 degrees or lower probable. All of which means that someone again has thrown the proverbial monkey wrench in spring plans.

The cold spell will last only a few days. Mr. Scott declared unofficially Monday. There is no sign, he said, of a continued cold wave. Washington predictions said disturbances in illinois would result in rains throughout the South Atlantic states Monday night and

The proposed strike of railroad switchmen in the Memphis district was formally called off Sunday following the return to the city of the delegation of six brotherhood officers, headed by Putnam Dye, from Chicago, where they conferred with general officers of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen regarding the proposal to strike. This committee reported that the strike at present was likeadyised since present was likeadyised since present was fills advised since present was fills advised to grant increases sought by the men until the government acts in the matter. The union switchmen, who Saturday decided to follow the advice of this committee, thereupon formally called off all plans for a strike and postponed the switchmen sunday at Samelson's hall, one for the night crews and one for the night crews and one for the night crews and one for the fiday men. The entire situation was fully discussed at both meetings, and in each instance it was voted to proceed no further with the proposed strike at Memphis.

Thus ends the danger of a tieup of

Reported Scarce

A few cases of smallpox are reported daily to the health department, averag-ing two to three, but when the disease first appeared prompt steps were taken

ordered in every neighborhood where a case appeared.

Dr. Cummings Harris, secretary of the department, has warned railroad officials that many of the cases are brought to the city by their employes. Some have come from road and levee camps. Dr. Harris advised railroad officials that they should order all employes to be evaccinated, but said Monday that his suggestions had in many instances been ignored.

Maximum ... 77

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Sun sets today, 6:30 p.m.; rises tomorrow 5:30 a.m. Moon rises 2:06 a.m.
tonight. Precipitation, .99 inch. Tennessee-Cloudy and cooler; prob ably rain in eastern portion.

Arkansas-Fair, cooler, probably Oklahoma-Fair and cooler in east nd central portions, probably heavy

Louisiana-Fair and cooler; probably neavy frost in north portion.

North and South Carolina and Georga-Showers and thunderstorms; cooler n west portion. west portion.

Florida—Showers and thunderstorms.

Alabama—Fair and cooler.

WELL-KNOWN PHYSICIAN SHOT TO DEATH IN HOME BY POLICEMEN



WASHINGTON, April 12.—Develop-ments here today in connection with the railroad strike were: An announcement by the postoffice

TOLEDO, O., April 12—To avert a general industrial shutdown and suspension of street car service here during the strike of insurgent railroad the confiscation of coal on the Pennsylvania railroad tracks and its diversion to the Toledo Railways and Light company.

JOHN BARLEYCORN'S

house in which confiscated liquors were stored. A new lock was put on the door, but the leak continued and was a mystery until painters got to that room last week.

They found that someone months ago had crawled through a big ventilator, cut a hole in it where it entered the room near the ceiling and had maniged to abstract the liquor through the opening. The room was piled high with cases and sacks of liquor at the time.

The remaining liquor was destroyed about six months ago by order of Judge Richards, of the criminal court.

H. E. Morris, assistant general freight agent for the Frisco railroad, with headquarters in St. Louis, was a visitor in Memphis Monday, confering with Jocal officials in regard to traffic coulditions in Memphia territory.

# CORONER'S JURY HOLDS POLICEMEN TO BE BLAMELESS

"Justifiable homicide" was the verdict returned Monday at noon by Robbers Force Way Into the Standard Oil Company's the jury of inquest over the body of Dr. Buford N. Dinavant, 36, 237 Buena Vista place, prominent physician and former surgeon-major in the world war, who was shot and almost instantly killed in his house the world war, who was shot and almost instantly killed in his house the world war, who was shot and almost instantly killed in his house the world war, who was shot and almost instantly killed in his house the world war, who was shot and almost instantly killed in his house the world war, who was shot and almost instantly killed in his house the world war, who was shot and almost instantly killed in his house the world war, who was shot and almost instantly killed in his house the world war, who was shot and almost instantly killed in his house the world war, who was shot and almost instantly killed in his house the world war, who was shot and almost instantly killed in his house the world war, who was shot and almost instantly killed in his house the world war, who was shot and almost instantly killed in his house the world war, who was shot and almost instantly killed in his house the world war, who was shot and almost instantly killed in his house the world war, who was shot and almost instantly killed in his house the world war, who was shot and almost instantly killed in his house the world war, who was shot and almost instantly killed in his house the world war, who was shot and almost instantly killed in his house the world war, who was shot and almost instantly killed in his house the world war, who was shot and almost instantly killed in his house the world war, who was shot and almost instantly killed in his house the world war, who was shot and almost instantly killed in his house the world war, who was shot and almost instantly killed in his house the world war. jurors, assembled in the undertaking parlors of Thompson Brothers, 176 North Main street, after they had heard the testimony of W. M. Bates, 243 Buena Vista place, and A. J. Doyle, 231 Buena Vista place, both of whom were practically eye-witnesses to the tragedy. Coroner N. T. In-A total of \$1,200 was obtained by safe blowers carly Monday morning from the filling station of the Standard Oil com-pany. Mississippi boulevard and McLe-more avenue, according to information furnished police.

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Entrance was gained through a rear window and the front door opened from within. The safe was then hauled off, presumably in an auto truck, to Mallory avenue and the Hernando road, where two 25-pound hammers, a crowbar and a chisel were used to force open the door.

The safe was discovered in a badly battered condition at 6:45 a.m. Monday and police were notified, but it was not until 7:30 o'clock that the Standard Oil company was aware of the robbery.

whom were practically eye-witnesses to the tragedy. Colour and the gram presided.

As a result of the verdict, Officers, want told police that after she had been let in when her husband returned, the latter were not Turner are exonerated of blame in connection with the crimes Both Bates and Doyle told the jury the Both Bates and Doyle told the jury the Cifficers were justified in shooting when they did.

The shooting of Dr. Dunavant occurred after he fired once at the officers with an army Colt's automatic 15-caliber. The shot ledged in the door facing and the patrolmen standing on facing and the patrolmen standing on facing and the patrolmen standing on at Little Rock, graduating there is 1900. He then came to Memphis to at Lunavant, who was coming down the stairway.

With a main aftery in the shoulder, close to the base of the neck, severed by one of the bullets. Dr. Dunavant died in Thompson Broa, ambulance on count to St. Joseph's hospital.

Arrangements for funeral services have not been completed. Preliminary plans are to hold the revices at the plans are to hold the review to the review to the total plans to the plans to the review to the total plans to the revise to th

Tells of Drinks.

Details of the tragedy that shocked a vide circle of friends and acquaint-ances, as told by friends and relatives of the dead man, coincide relative to circumstances surrounding the killing. Jules B. Rosier, Jr. president of the Memphis Steam Laundry and captain of the 115th Field artillery during the world war, with whom Dr. Dunavant was riding after they had taken seynal diring the bounavant at the home of relatives, admitted Monday they had taken seynal drinks or whisky and that Dr. Dunavant could have been intoxicated. Dr. Dunavant and his wife, Mrs. Julia Dunavan, with Mr. Rosier and one or two others, had spent the afternoon automobiling and at 5:30, after one of the party had been taken to the depot to catch a train, Mrs. Dunavant and three children, ages four, six and eight, were left at the home of relatives. Mr. Rosier said Monday that the doctor and himself after that rode in Rosier's automobile out Pophar avenius, taking three or four drinks of whisky, but not enough, he surmised, to become intoxicated.

At 8 o'clock Mr. Roxier said, he took Dr. Dunavant home upon the latter's declaration he wanted to get his own real denient he had been and bring Mrs. Dunavant home. Ipon arrival there they found Mrs. Dunavant home if pon arrival there they found Mrs. Dunavant home if pon arrival there they found Mrs. Dunavant home want's deal until Monday.

According to the account of the killing given by Arthur J. Poyle, Mrs. Dunavant maked through windows the abuse of Mrs. Dunavant naised shades on both sides of the house, presumabily to attract attention. Mrs. Poyle telephoned polics to come to for residence. When they arrived, Mrs. Dunavant, then standing on the terrace with her daughter, called the officers.

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CENTRAL AND, O., April 12—Interest centered cliefly on the outcome of a the first therebood of Railroay and Light conversal.

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A personal talk on the subject with Promier Lioyd George would be welcomed by the French premier. If Mr. Lloyd George could find it convenient to come to Faris, but it is considered in official circles that as the point at issue interests France and Great Britain, it is needless to discuss it before the representatives of the other powers.

It is hold here that the British government in persisting in the discussion, has put the matter in a form where it is difficult to see what satisfaction it is possible to give. France has not been asked to evacuate Frankfort, and the impression is gaining ground, it was indicated, that what is sought above all is to discipline France.

The Earl of Derby, Great Britain's ambassador to France, attended the council of ambassadors here today. The Hungarian treaty was the sole matter under discussion.

# KILLING FARMER

Implicates White Man in Crime Near Jacksonville

# SAM R. SELLS IS MADE CHAIRMAN

Republican State Convention Affects Temporary Organization at Chattanooga.

# Say Land Company Sought To Change Tracts Of Ground The sum of \$1,108.42 is sought from

NEW YORK, April 12.—New York, with its back against the wall, struggled desperately today to free itself from the tentacles of the octopus-like epidemic of unauthorized railway

the Southern Land Development company in two bills filed in chancery court land company had codeavored to sub-stitute one parcel of land for that on which the two complainants were pay-

CHATTANOGGA. Tenn.. April 12.—
The state Republican committee met at 11 o'clock and selected SCam R. Sells, First district congressmen, for temporary chairman of the convention which meets Wednesday. Lon Scott, of Hardin, was selected secretary, with R. Q. Lillard, of Wilson, assistant. A committee to make up a roil call was appointed and it was announced that any contest ready for hearing would be taken up this afternoon, otherwise all contests would go over until tomorrow.

Delegates for the congressional convention Tuesday and the state convention wednesday are already beginning to arrive and hundreds of Republican politicians are already in the city and the preliminary skirmishing has begun. The state convention is scheduled to recommend a candidate for governor this is an unusual procedure, but the eaders propose this means of letting he people know their choice of candidate for governor this is an unusual procedure, but the eaders propose this means of letting he people know their choice of candidate for governor that is an unusual procedure. But the leaders propose this means of letting he people know their choice of candidate for governor.

FINIS GARRETT'S

FATHER IS DEAD

DRESDEN, Tenn. April 12. (Spt.)—

EMBARGO ON MEMPHIS.

On account of congestion in the local rards of the Rock Island railroad, an embargo has been declared on all militaries originating on the line destined to Memphis, except merchandise, persistables, oil and gazoline.

DRESDEN, Tenn., April 12 (Spi.)—Noah Garrett. 80, father of Congressman Finis Garrett, one of the oldest residents of the Ninth district, died at his home here Sunday. Congressman in the line destined to Memphis, except merchandise, persistables, oil and gazoline.

# the remaining workers, employed of the New York Central, will meet today to decide their course free Marquette witchmen decided to return to work today and volunteered to go to Detroit, Tolodo, Ludington and Flint to did in restricting and a strain of the strikes called and others threatened—tailroad officials professate to yoted not to join the strike. Seatile, Tacoms, Everett and Auburn, Wash, and Chelmant, Jattle Beach, Mo., which men registering that intention. Tardmen at Duluth, Minn, and Superior, Wist, decided to continue as work, and swe the terrainal railroad as association at St. Louis said conditions were improved. The company's suginities of the control of the strike of Canada was negative, the Winnipe ears voted to remain "loyal." The lall in business excivities over some passes of the control of the strike for the metric of the control of the strike for the provided of the provided

BOSTON, April 12.—Curtailment of all traffic, passenger and freight and express on through lines of railroads in New England was the result in this section today of the outlaw strike of railroad men. Reports indicated that efforts of the strikers to obtain recruits in the New England states had proved unavailing.

department that vigorous action would be taken if the movement of mails was obstructed.

Introduction of a bill by Senator Poindexter, Republican, Washington, providing imprisonment and fines for persons interfering with the movement of interstate commerce.

NEW ORLEANS, La., April 12.—Unless wage increase demands are met by 3.p.m. tomorrow, 1,000 union switchmen here will go on strike, it was announced today by officials of the yardmen's association local. The Illinois Central and Public Belt railroads will be most seriously affected in event of a strike, it was stated.

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CLEVELAND, O., April 12.—With the exception of the Collinwood yards of the New York lines, where a half dozen switchmen were working this morning and where 15 switchmen moved 250 westbound freight cars, including empities and general freight and 80 cars of eastbound foodstuff from midnight to 7 a.m., all Cleveland freight terminals were tied up this morning.

were tied up this morning. ATCHISON, Kan., April 12.—Thirty switchmen here who struck Saturday night returned to work late yesterday.

Mrs. Ella May Tarlton, who sued her husband, R. C. Tarlton, formerly a local picture magnate, for divorce, was denied a decree Monday morning by Chancellor F. H. Heiskell, who heard the case and took it under advisement more than a week ago. The divorce was denied and the bill ordered dismissed. The Tarltons were married in 1917.

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